# CHICAGO ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS

## 14 GAUGE SWIVEL HEAD SHEAR

**Model 92115** 

#### SET UP AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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#### **SAVE THIS MANUAL**

Keep this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures. Write the product's serial number in the back of the manual near the assembly diagram (or month and year of purchase if product has no number). Keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY** INFORMATION

In this manual, on the labeling, and all other information provided with this product:



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

**DANGER** indicates a **A** DANGER hazardous situation

which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING** indicates a **AWARNING** hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION, used with **ACAUTION** the safety alert symbol, indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### NOTICE

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to personal injury.

### CAUTION

CAUTION, without the safety alert symbol, is used to address practices not related to personal injury.

#### **General Power Tool Safety Warnings**



WARNING Read all safety warnings and instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious iniurv.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool.

- Work area safety
  - a. Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
  - b. Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids. gases or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
  - c. Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control
- **Electrical safety** 2.
  - a. Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with grounded power tools. Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
  - b. Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators. There is an

- increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.
- c. Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- d. Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- e. When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- f. If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protected supply. Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

#### 3. **Personal safety**

- a. Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- b. Use personal protective equipment.
  Always wear eye protection. Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c. Prevent unintentional starting.
  Ensure the trigger is released before connecting to power source, picking up or carrying the tool. Carrying power tools with your finger on the

- trigger or energizing power tools that have the trigger depressed invites accidents.
- d. Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.
   A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- e. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- f. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- g. If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used. Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.
- h. Only use safety equipment that has been approved by an appropriate standards agency. Unapproved safety equipment may not provide adequate protection. Eye protection must be ANSI-approved and breathing protection must be NIOSH-approved for the specific hazards in the work area.

#### 4. Power tool use and care

- a. Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- b. Do not use the power tool if the trigger does not turn it on and off.

  Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the trigger is dangerous and must be repaired.

- c. Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- d. Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- e. Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- f. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.**Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- g. Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

#### 5. Service

a. Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

#### **Shear Safety Warnings**

- Handle sheet metal with care. Sheet metal will have sharp edges. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavyduty work gloves, long sleeve shirt, and jeans when working with sheet metal.
- Maintain labels and nameplates on the tool. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
- 3. Avoid unintentional starting. Prepare to begin work before turning on the tool.
- Do not lay the tool down until it has come to a complete stop. Moving parts can grab the surface and pull the tool out of your control.
- 5. When using a handheld power tool, maintain a firm grip on the tool with both hands to resist starting torque.
- Do not leave the tool unattended when it is plugged into an electrical outlet.
   Turn off the tool, and unplug it from its electrical outlet before leaving.
- 7. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
- 8. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. In addition, people with pacemakers should:
  - Avoid operating alone.
  - Do not use with trigger locked on.
  - Properly maintain and inspect to avoid electrical shock.
  - Any power cord must be properly grounded. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) should also be

- implemented it prevents sustained electrical shock.
- 9. WARNING: Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities, contains chemicals known [to the State of California] to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:
  - Lead from lead-based paints
  - Crystalline silica from bricks and cement or other masonry products
  - Arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq.)

- 10. WARNING: Handling the cord on this product will expose you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq.)
- 11. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

#### **Vibration Safety**

This tool vibrates during use. Repeated or long-term exposure to vibration may cause temporary or permanent physical

- injury, particularly to the hands, arms and shoulders. To reduce the risk of vibration-related injury:
- 1. Anyone using vibrating tools regularly or for an extended period should first be examined by a doctor and then have regular medical check-ups to ensure medical problems are not being caused or worsened from use. Pregnant women or people who have impaired blood circulation to the hand, past hand injuries, nervous system disorders, diabetes, or Raynaud's Disease should not use this tool. If you feel any symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.
- 2. Do not smoke during use. Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.
- Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.
- 4. Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice.
- Include vibration-free periods each day of work.
- Grip tool as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the tool do the work.
- 7. To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.



#### **GROUNDING**

### **AWARNING**

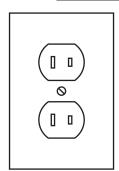
TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK

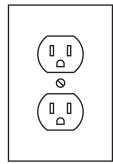
AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION:



Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the power cord plug provided with the tool. Never remove the grounding prong from the plug. Do not use the tool if the power cord or plug is damaged. If damaged, have it repaired by a service facility before use. If the plug will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

## Double Insulated Tools: Tools with Two Prong Plugs





**Outlets for 2-Prong Plug** 

- Tools marked "Double Insulated" do not require grounding. They have a special double insulation system which satisfies OSHA requirements and complies with the applicable standards of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., the Canadian Standard Association, and the National Electrical Code.
- 2. Double insulated tools may be used in either of the 120 volt outlets shown in the

preceding illustration.
(See Outlets for 2-Prong Plug.)

#### **Extension Cords**

- Grounded tools require a three wire extension cord. Double Insulated tools can use either a two or three wire extension cord.
- As the distance from the supply outlet increases, you must use a heavier gauge extension cord. Using extension cords with inadequately sized wire causes a serious drop in voltage, resulting in loss of power and possible tool damage. (See Table A.)
- 3. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cord. For example, a 14 gauge cord can carry a higher current than a 16 gauge cord. (See Table A.)
- When using more than one extension cord to make up the total length, make sure each cord contains at least the minimum wire size required. (See Table A.)
- If you are using one extension cord for more than one tool, add the nameplate amperes and use the sum to determine the required minimum cord size. (See Table A.)
- 6. If you are using an extension cord outdoors, make sure it is marked with the suffix "W-A" ("W" in Canada) to indicate it is acceptable for outdoor use.
- Make sure the extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition.
   Always replace a damaged extension cord or have it repaired by a qualified electrician before using it.

8. Protect the extension cords from sharp objects, excessive heat, and damp or wet areas.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS* (120/240 VOLT)							
NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH						
	25'	50,	75'	100′	150′		
0 – 2.0	18	18	18	18	16		
2.1 – 3.4	18	18	18	16	14		
3.5 – 5.0	18	18	16	14	12		
5.1 – 7.0	18	16	14	12	12		
7.1 – 12.0	18	14	12	10	-		
12.1 – 16.0	14	12	10	-	-		
16.1 – 20.0	12	10	-	-	-		
* Based on limiting the line voltage drop to five volts at 150% of the rated amperes.							

## **Symbology**

	Double Insulated
<b>(1)</b>	Canadian Standards Association
(UL)	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
V~	Volts Alternating Current
Α	Amperes
n <sub>0</sub> xxxx/min.	No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM)

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Electrical Input	120 V~ / 60 Hz / 2.2 A (no load)
Motor Speed	0-2500 RPM (no load)
Capacity	Up to 14 gauge sheet metal
	Up to 18 gauge stainless steel
	@ 150 inches per minute
Cutting Blades	Tungsten Carbide Steel
Cutting Head	Swivels 360°

#### **UNPACKING**

When unpacking, make sure that the item is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call Harbor Freight Tools at 1-800-444-3353 as soon as possible.

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

#### **SWIVELING THE CUTTER HEAD**

## **AWARNING**

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY

FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Release the Trigger and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before adjusting tool or installing accessories.

 Put on heavy-duty work gloves and ANSI-approved safety goggles to avoid injury.

#### Figure 1



- Loosen the three hex head bolts using the hex wrench provided with this tool see Figure 1.
- Firmly grip the cutter head and twist it to the desired position. Tighten the three hex bolts to keep the Cutter Head in that position.

#### **Work Piece and Work Area Set Up**

- Designate a work area that is clean and well-lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent distraction and injury.
- Route the power cord along a safe route to reach the work area without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage. The power cord must reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.
- Secure loose work pieces using a vise or clamps (not included) to prevent movement while working.
- 4. There must not be objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
- 5. Make a practice cut on a piece of scrap material before cutting the work material. This will allow you to be sure you are familiar with the way the tool operates, and that the cut can be made properly.

#### **General Operating Instructions**

- 1. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavy-duty work gloves, long sleeve shirt, and jeans.
- 2. Plug the tool into an appropriate, breaker switch protected power outlet.
- 3. Position the jaws of the Shear over the edge of the sheet metal you will cut.
- 4. Squeeze the Power Switch to begin cutting the metal. The Power Switch is variable, allowing you to vary the cutting speed by the amount you squeeze it. As you squeeze more, the tool will increase speed, and it will cut more slowly as you release the Power Switch.
- 5. Move the Cutting Blades along the desired cutting line in the work material.
- 6. On large pieces of sheet metal, you may wish to swivel the head to one side or the other to prevent interference of the tool handle with the work material. See previous page for full instructions on how to swivel the Cutting Head.
- 7. To prevent accidents, turn off the tool and disconnect its power supply after use. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.

## MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

## **AWARNING**

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY

## FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Release the Trigger and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

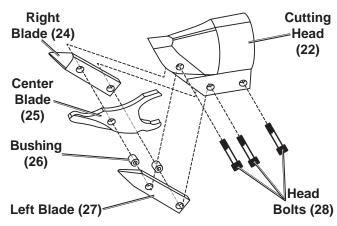
TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

- BEFORE EACH USE, inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for loose hardware, misalignment or binding of moving parts, cracked or broken parts, damaged electrical wiring, and any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
- 2. **AFTER USE**, wipe external surfaces of the tool with clean cloth.
- 3. AWARNING! If the supply cord of this power tool is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.

#### **Blade Maintenance**

- 1. Unplug the tool.
- 2. Using the Hex Tool, remove the three Head Bolts (28).



- 3. The three Blades (24, 25, and 27) and the two Bushings (26) will be loose.
- 4. Clean, replace or sharpen the blades as required. Replace blades as a set only.
- 5. Reassemble by repositioning the Blades, and Bushings as illustrated. Replace the Head Bolts and tighten them securely.
- 6. Test the product to be sure that it is working properly.
- 7. The Left and Right Blades (24, 27) are slotted. They can be adjusted to change the direction of the curl of waste material. To adjust:
  - a. Unplug the tool.
  - b. Loosen all three Head Bolts (28).
  - c. Make a slight adjustment to the Left or Right Blade (24, 27) as needed.
  - d. Tighten the Head Bolts (28).
  - e. Test the direction of the waste curl and repeat the steps above as needed.

Note: If the Head Bolts (28) are overtightened, then the Center Blade (25) will not move freely enough, causing premature wear, or possibly preventing the tool from operating.

If the Head Bolts are not tight enough, the tool will not make a smooth cut in the material.

## **Troubleshooting**

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions			
Tool will not start.	Cord not connected.	Check that cord is plugged in.			
	2. No power at outlet.	<ol><li>Check power at outlet. If outlet is unpowered, turn off tool and check circuit breaker. If breaker is tripped, make sure circuit is right capacity for tool and circuit has no other loads.</li></ol>			
	Tool's thermal reset breaker tripped (if equipped).	3. Turn off tool and allow to cool. Press reset button on tool.			
	Internal damage or wear.     (Carbon brushes or switch, for example.)	4. Have technician service tool.			
	5. Head Bolts (28) too tight.	5. Make sure that Head Bolts (28) are not excessively tight.			
Tool operates slowly.	Dirty, worn or damaged blades.	Clean or replace blades.			
	Extension cord too long or wire size too small.	2. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use shorter/heavier gauge cord. See Extension Cords in GROUNDING section.			
	3. Head Bolts (28) too tight.	Make sure that Head Bolts (28) are not excessively tight.			
Performance	Blades dull or damaged.	Keep blades sharp. Replace as needed.			
decreases over time.	Carbon brushes worn or damaged.	2. Have qualified technician replace brushes.			
Cut not smooth.	Head Bolts (28) loose.	Tighten Head Bolts (28) enough to properly hold the Left and Right Blades (24, 27) in place.			
Excessive noise or rattling.	Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or bearings, for example.)	Have technician service tool.			
Overheating.	Forcing tool to work too fast.	Allow tool to work at its own rate.			
	2. Blades misaligned.	Check and correct blades to fence and/or table alignment.			
	3. Blades dull or damaged.	3. Keep blades sharp. Replace as needed.			
	4. Blocked motor housing vents.	4. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air.			
	Motor being strained by long or small diameter extension cord.	<ol> <li>Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See Extension Cords in GROUNDING section.</li> </ol>			



Follow all safety precautions whenever diagnosing or servicing the tool. Disconnect power supply before service.

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR HAS PROVIDED THE PARTS LIST AND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM IN THIS MANUAL AS A REFERENCE TOOL ONLY. NEITHER THE MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND TO THE BUYER THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS TO THE PRODUCT, OR THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO REPLACE ANY PARTS OF THE PRODUCT. IN FACT, THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR EXPRESSLY STATES THAT ALL REPAIRS AND PARTS REPLACEMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY CERTIFIED AND LICENSED TECHNICIANS, AND NOT BY THE BUYER. THE BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF HIS OR HER REPAIRS TO THE ORIGINAL PRODUCT OR REPLACEMENT PARTS THERETO.

#### **PARTS LIST**

Part	Description	Qty.	Part	Description Qty		Part	Description	Qty.
1	Housing	1	13	Head Gear	1	25^	Center Blade	1
2	Rear Motor Bushing	1	14	Head Gear Housing	1	26^	Bushing	2
3	Motor Armature	1	15	Washer	3	27^	Left Blade	1
4	Washer	2	16	Head Housing Bolt	3	28*	Head Bolt	3
5	Motor Mounting Bolt	2	17	Head Rear Bearing	1	29	Trigger	1
6	Mid Motor Bushing	1	18	Head Center Bushing	1	30	Power Cord	1
7	Motor Seal	1	19	Head Seal	1	31	Cord Retainer	1
8	Motor Winding	1	20	Head Front Bearing	1	32	Cord Retainer Screw	2
9	Front Motor Bushing	1	21	Head Front Bushing	1	33	Handle Screw	3
10	Front Housing	1	22*	Cutting Head	1	34	Handle Housing	1
11	Shear Head Seal	1	23*	Insert Nut	3	35	Carbon Brush	2
12	Head Rear Bushing	1	24^	Right Blade	1			

<sup>\*</sup> Parts 22, 23, & 28 are available as a set only.

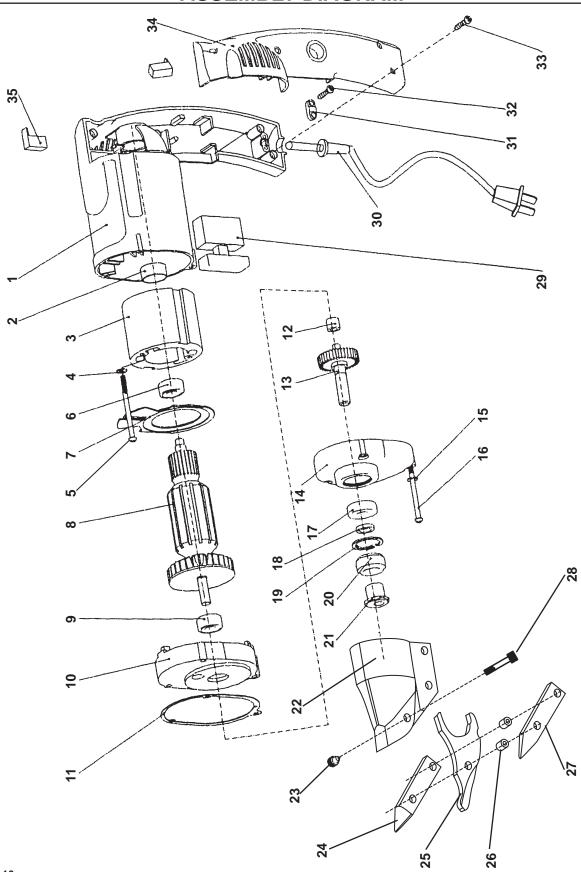
Record Product's Serial Number Here:

**Note:** If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

**Note:** Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.

<sup>^</sup> Parts 24-27 are available as a set only.

## **ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**



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For technical questions, please call 1-800-444-3353.

#### **LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY**

Harbor Freight Tools Co. makes every effort to assure that its products meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship for the period of 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage due directly or indirectly, to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents, repairs or alterations outside our facilities. criminal activity, improper installation, normal wear and tear, or to lack of maintenance. We shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property, or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damages arising from the use of our product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation. of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation of exclusion may not apply to you. THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS.

To take advantage of this warranty, the product or part must be returned to us with transportation charges prepaid. Proof of purchase date and an explanation of the complaint must accompany the merchandise. If our inspection verifies the defect, we will either repair or replace the product at our election or we may elect to refund the purchase price if we cannot readily and quickly provide you with a replacement. We will return repaired products at our expense, but if we determine there is no defect, or that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of our warranty, then you must bear the cost of returning the product.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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